



MINUTES

Special Meeting

Reno City Council

Friday, February 13, 2015 • 3:30 PM

Reno City Hall - One East First Street, 7th Floor - Caucus Room, Reno, NV 89501

Hillary Schieve, Mayor

Council Members:

Ward 1 – Jenny Brekhus

Ward 4 – Paul McKenzie

Ward 2 – Naomi Duerr

Ward 5 – Neoma Jardon

Ward 3 – Oscar Delgado

At-Large – David Bobzien

Agenda Items

1 Pledge of Allegiance

2 Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Hillary Schieve	Mayor	Present	
Jenny Brekhus	Councilmember	Present	
Naomi Duerr	Councilmember	Present	
Oscar Delgado	Councilmember	Present	
Paul McKenzie	Councilmember	Present	
Neoma Jardon	Councilmember	Absent	
David Bobzien	Councilmember	Present	
Andrew Clinger	City Manager	Present	

The meeting was called to order at 3:48 PM.

3 Public Comment

Jonnie Pullman, Chair of the Reno Charter Committee, discussed concerns about the language in proposed Assembly Bill (AB) 88 and the possibility of holding a Charter Committee meeting to discuss the issue.

Discussion ensued regarding having the members of the Charter Committee whose appointments expired in November 2014 when Council Members Zadra and Dortch and Mayor Cashell left office participate in the Charter Committee meeting. Also discussed were the terms of appointment of the Legislative appointees to the Charter Committee.

Division Chief Tim O'Brien, representing the Reno Fire Department Administrative Association, discussed their concerns about AB88, specifically the language that removes Assistant Chief from the bargaining unit. He said that it is currently acknowledged in Article III of the Recognition Clause, and despite making the Charter Committee aware

of it, the language continues to live on in the document. Chief O'Brien requested that the Council remove the language or negotiate with the firefighters per NRS 288.150.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

4 Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action) - February 13, 2015.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Paul McKenzie, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Brekhus, Duerr, Delgado, McKenzie, Bobzien
ABSENT:	Neoma Jardon

5 Update, discussion and potential direction to staff regarding the 2015 Session of the Nevada Legislature. (For Possible Action) 4:04 PM

Kate Thomas, Assistant City Manager, introduced Scott Gilles, the City's new Legislative Relations Program Manager. Ms. Thomas distributed the Legislative Operations Plan for the 2015 Legislative Session, and requested that the Council review and approve the Plan at the February 20, 2015 Special meeting.

Scott Gilles, Legislative Relations Program Manager, requested Council feedback regarding how and in what format the Council would prefer to receive Legislative information.

Discussion ensued regarding changes made to the City's Charter Bill; the possibility of holding a joint meeting with the Charter Committee after the initial meeting of the Charter Committee; requesting guidance from the Charter Committee regarding reasonable language to include in the Charter Bill to provide for the expiration of Legislative appointments to the Charter Committee; the potential illegality of making a Charter change that removes a recognized classification from a collecting bargaining agreement without first negotiating the change with the bargaining group; and the provision to the Council of a spreadsheet of those bills being tracked.

Lindsey Anderson, Director of Government Affairs, Washoe County School District (WCSD), requested the City's support for Senate Bill (SB) 19.

COUNCIL MEMBER DELGADO ABSENT AT 4:35 P.M.

Discussion ensued regarding the benefits/effectiveness of the County's advisory question, and the importance of having a representative of the City Council support the Bill at the Legislative hearing.

It was moved by Council Member Bobzien, seconded by Council Member McKenzie to support SB19.

Motion carried with Council Members Jardon and Delgado absent and Council Member Brekhus voting nay.

Mr. Gilles discussed SB11 regarding Home Rule. The Council discussed ways in which home rule can adversely affect the public, and how it allows a governmental agency to take action that can adversely affects other governmental entities.

Council Member Bobzien suggested that the five largest municipalities collaborate to provide a joint statement on the home rule issue. He said that a companion piece to the proposed legislation should be a discussion of revenue structures, depreciation, tax caps and ensuring that there is enough money to provide the proposed services. A position of active neutrality is prudent at this point; note our concerns and wait for the necessary companion piece regarding revenue structures and how governments can fund the services their constituents' needs.

The pros and cons of home rule were debated by the Council.

Mr. Gilles discussed Assembly Bill (AB) 19, which would set the budget hearing deadline on or before the third Tuesday in May.

It was moved by Council Member Duerr, seconded by Council Member Bobzien to support AB19.

Motion carried with Council Members Jardon and Delgado absent.

Mr. Gilles discussed AB25, which is related to the existing Residential Construction Tax (RCT). He said that the purpose of the bill is to clarify how the funds can be used in a way consistent with how they are currently being used. He said that the builders want to ensure that the Bill includes language stipulating that the neighborhood in which the tax is collected is the neighborhood in which the tax is to be spent.

Discussion ensued regarding restrictions on RCT expenditures, the City's six designated parks districts and the preference to seek confirmation that 'neighborhood' is defined by the body.

It was moved by Council Member Duerr, seconded by Council Member Bobzien regarding AB25 to remain neutral on the definition of 'neighborhood' but seek confirmation that it is defined by the body, and to support a broadening of the 'how'.

Motion carried with Council Members Jardon and Delgado absent.

Mr. Gilles and Council Member McKenzie discussed AB34 regarding a transfer of state-owned property to local protection districts and the possible effects of this legislation on the City of Reno,

It was moved by Council Member McKenzie, seconded by Council Member Brekhus to remain neutral on AB34 because it does not, as it is current written, affect the City.

Motion carried with Council Members Jardon and Delgado absent.

Mr. Gilles and Council Member McKenzie discussed AB90, which would establish the Nevada Interstate Mutual Aid System. Council Member McKenzie discussed concerns about the opt-out process and about how the agency will be funded. Council Member McKenzie said that there may be a significant cost to each agency to fund this agency, and discussed concerns about the composition of the proposed committee.

It was moved by Council Member McKenzie to remain neutral on AB90 until the nuances are fleshed out.

Chief O'Brien discussed the intent of the Bill, which is to develop a mechanism for providing interstate fire service resources and enabling timely reimbursement for the services.

Discussion ensued regarding the City's mutual aid agreement for fire services and the Council agreed that no formal motion is necessary.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Gilles discussed SB5 related to primary elections for non-partisan offices and Ward Only voting.

Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of Ward Only voting, and the Council agreed to take no position on SB5 until next week.

Mr. Gilles discussed SB22, which would move some of the liquor business licensing responsibility for distillers and wholesalers from the County to the City, and the Council agreed to take no position on SB22.

Mr. Gilles and Council Member Bobzien discussed the need for getting regular feedback from the League of Cities.

Council Member Brekhus discussed the importance of tracking legislation specific to Washoe County, land development and anything pertaining to the local entities.

2015 City of Reno Legislative Operations Plan - *Presented/Distributed at Meeting*

6 Public Comment

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

7 Adjournment (For Possible Action)

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:45 P.M.